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<div>1. The reference dispatch provided Headquarters with an excellent summary of where things stood with Project ANVIRGIL and its key personnel just prior to [redacted] arrival, and we know she has been able to tell you what our plans are for the project and how we feel about the personnel on the basis of what is known here. The idea to see each key ANVIRGILite individually was a good one. Only in this way can we get any real understanding of the problems and tensions within the leadership which must be considered as we implement our plans for the future.</div> <div>2. We will attempt in this dispatch to state our plans for the future of the project in the light of the situation as it now exists with regard to activities and personnel, as reported in reference dispatch, paying particular attention to the key people involved and commenting where appropriate on certain aspects of the discussions which you held with each of them. We will try to provide a clear statement of the goals we want to achieve and a basic policy guideline for the use of [redacted] when he assumes direction of the project. It is not meant to be a rigid directive but a general framework within which [redacted] should direct the project. The methods to be used and the pace at which to proceed will depend upon [redacted] analysis of the prospects for the project after it gets back on its feet.</div> <div>3. Stated in its simplest terms, ANVIRGIL 1 is the only controlled mechanism we have for the production and distribution of Russian language material. That we have not made as much out of it as we should, indeed, that we have contributed to the present state in which it finds itself, is all the more reason for the application of a firm hand now. This firmness is by no means to be limited to "cracking down" or "getting rid of excess baggage." It should consist of the firm redirection of the efforts of ANVIRGIL 1 and its personnel along lines which are more nearly consistent with its personnel resources and with our needs. The need now is not for "another emigre organization" but for a controlled propaganda mechanism, which is at the same time a modest organization, directed toward the support</div> <div>(Continued)</div>																							
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of REDWOOD KUNSLF activity anywhere in the world. Thus, while we envisage revitalizing AEVIRGIL 1 and its direct propaganda activities, our aim is to do this not merely for its own sake but in order to create a support mechanism for action undertaken in other areas of the world, with or without AEVIRGIL 1's knowledge, and under the direction of case officers on the scene.

4. We want to be able to say to REDWOOD case officers anywhere in the world; "AEVIRGIL 1 exists, does the following things, and can be of use to you in the following specific ways." If the occasion for supporting the initiation of broadcasting (official or otherwise) into the Soviet Union presents itself, a case officer should be able to advise a local liaison contact to have his agent write to AEVIRGIL 1 for Russian language material or broadcast tapes. If a case officer has a local asset, emigre or otherwise which is directed at Soviet targets locally, he should be encouraged to have this agent or group either get itself established overtly as the local AEVIRGIL 1 outlet or operate using AEVIRGIL 1 material which is procured from the AEVIRGIL 1 case officer at MOS without going through AEVIRGIL 1 officially. In other instances a case officer may want some sort of AEVIRGIL 1 accreditation in order to give a singleton agent an ostensible source of income or enable him to explain his possession and distribution of Russian language literature. If a case officer wants to mount a private letter writing campaign to the Soviet Union from some local group or organization, he should be able to advise his contact to write to AEVIRGIL 1 and to ask its help in providing 1,000 copies, let us say, of a translation into Russian of a text provided. Unless we desire, neither AEVIRGIL 1 or the local organization need know that the copies are produced by METOPAZ and pouched through our channels to the station involved. And perhaps this need not be the case. In many instances it may be more desirable to have the whole transaction accomplished overtly. Other possibilities for AEVIRGIL 1 support of operations in other areas also suggest themselves, but there is no need to belabor the subject at this point.

REPORT OF ASSESSMENT OF AEVIRGIL/6

5. Obviously, AEVIRGIL 1 itself must be shaken out of the doldrums and the energies of its people directed toward strengthening those aspects of its activity which are most worthwhile and will contribute to the fulfillment of the propaganda mission as well as the support function we have in mind. This brings us to the problem of which activities are to be continued, at what level, and who is to direct what, especially who is to direct AEVIRGIL 1 itself. Starting with the most important problem first, we can conceive of no other choice for chairman but the present incumbent. AEVIRGIL 6 has many deficiencies, but at least it has been demonstrated that he can run the organization, something the undersigned, from his personal knowledge of the other key people (with the exception of AEVIRGIL 46), can not say about any of the others. That they all resent his dictatorial proclivities, his not informing them of decisions affecting them, and his spending too much on pet projects like the Swedish chapter is certainly most understandable. But in this regard, it is we who are at fault ultimately. It is the case officer's responsibility to control AEVIRGIL 6 and to authorize each expenditure by virtue of reviewing every receipt with AEVIRGIL 109 once a month and demanding an explanation from AEVIRGIL 6, should any questions arise. It is inconceivable that this apparently was not done and that that the expenses just grew, topay-like. It is also the case officers responsibility, while working primarily through AEVIRGIL 6 as the chairman, to have regular working sessions with all the leaders collectively and with any of them separately in order to properly control the activities of the organization and to discuss all the activities with the witting leaders regularly in order to spot any incipient trouble. Our experience with AEVIRGIL 6 is that he will take direction and control when it is exercised by the case officer; when it is not, he will get carried away with his authority. As far as we are able to determine, the present trouble within the leadership of the organization has resulted from exactly this tendency. The rest of the witting leaders feel slighted that he has been permitted to run things his own way in a completely arbitrary fashion. They have not had

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the opportunity to present their positions to the case officer before a decision comes down to them from AEVIRGIL 6, and this on matters which affect their sphere of responsibility. Thus, the situation has been allowed to proceed to the point where some of them are very bitter and inclined to think that AEVIRGIL 6 must go, regardless of the consequences. While we sympathize with some of their complaints - in fact, we ourselves are somewhat to blame for this state of affairs - we simply do not see another candidate. In turn, we are inclined to think that a sympathetic approach to these other witting leaders, serious talks with them and evidence that the case officer will direct the project by depending more on 'collective leadership', if you will pardon the expression, will bring them around to an appreciation of the problem in its entirety and head off any possible flaps within the organization.

6. To a certain extent, AEVIRGIL 6 is justified in some of his rather arbitrary use of authority. The undersigned personally knows more instances than he likes to remember when this tactic had to be applied against the other witting leaders, again, with the exception of AEVIRGIL 46. AEVIRGIL 7 is a very slow, methodical worker, thorough but always late with AEVIRGIL 70; thus the ever-present double numbers. AEVIRGIL 132 would never get AEVIRGIL 75 out on time if left to his own devices. AEVIRGIL 3, always ready to advise the others about their work, sometimes had to be locked in a room by himself to edit an article for AEVIRGIL 74 -- two weeks late. AEVIRGIL 30 was simply out of his element in anything in the political or propaganda line. With the decline of the "sotsialny otdel" and the contacts with UESP he was left without anything he could really do except handle the social and recreational aspects of various AEVIRGIL 1 functions. At various times in our experience he was left in charge when AEVIRGIL 6 went away, because he is officially in line for it and because no one else could be taken away from their job without it falling far behind. At such time, AEVIRGIL 30 simply did not have the authority or command enough respect from the others to do anything but answer the telephone. We can well believe that AEVIRGIL 6 became dictatorial when left to his own devices and without the proper control or support. Undoubtedly, the charge that he paid for brochures which were not good because friends wrote them is also true, but here again is a situation which should not have been allowed to develop. That it did means that KUBARK abdicated its responsibility.

7. AEVIRGIL 1 is the next logical choice for chairman, but we believe he would avoid it like the plague. He knows himself that he lacks the drive, personality and dynamism required for the job. Besides, his wife doesn't like him to be out late at night. More seriously, we will have enough of a job to do in order to light a fire under him and AEVIRGIL 70 to make it less dull. The undersigned is inclined to think he would do much better if he were in charge of AEVIRGIL 75 and brochures and other special literature with AEVIRGIL 132 to help him. But then who would edit AEVIRGIL 70?

8. AEVIRGIL 3 is out of the question, as you know. His future lies in other and larger spheres and he has been planning for this eventuality for some time. And this is not meant as a reproach. He has always been sincere and certainly still is in his concern for the future of AEVIRGIL 1, but it is much too small a sphere for a person of his ambition. Nor did we consider him a serious possibility for the chairmanship back in 1958. He takes himself much too seriously and inclines toward talking to hear the sound of his words. Completely without a sense of humor, he never realizes when all hands are laughing at his bombast and kidding him about it. This is not to deny that he probably has more talent than anyone else in AEVIRGIL 1. He just could not even organize himself, much less an organization like AEVIRGIL 1.

9. AEVIRGIL 46 was the only other member of the witting leading group whom we ever seriously considered as a candidate should AEVIRGIL 6 become incapacitated or die. Aside from his being a former leading SECONITE and at that time (1959) still too closely associated with that organization, he was subject to serious attacks because of his ulcers. One laid him low for two months, and AEVIRGIL 6, incidentally, took over his duties in addition to his own. We understand he still suffers from his malady and probably

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always will. On the other hand, he still seems to be the only candidate should AEWIRGIL 6 need to be replaced for any reason. It should be mentioned here to keep the record straight that one of the complaints he and the others make against AEWIRGIL 6, that he accepts brochures on the basis of friendship rather than quality, hits close to home in the case of AEWIRGIL 46 himself. Many times the undernaviged had to call AEWIRGIL 6's attention to the fact that AEWIRGIL 46's brother and others of dubious reputation as writers were receiving money every month for radio scripts.

10. While we are inclined to agree that more responsibility should be delegated to AEWIRGIL 3, your suggestion to delegate financial management to our experience in the past was that you can not separate the financial management from the overall direction of AEWIRGIL 1. AEWIRGIL 30 knows little about either political or propaganda matters; therefore, he is not capable of judging the cost of what has been or should be done. Financial management implies not only this kind of knowledge but also respect; this too he lacks, although everyone certainly liked him. Much better, we would think, would be to bring him into the meetings with AEWIRGIL 6 on all general matters, so that with time he can function as sort of an administrative assistant. At this time officially, and even before this unofficially if you think it desirable, he could perform the functions of a comptroller. He always had the big asset, from our point of view of loyalty to us and willingness to talk to us about unpleasantness within the organization, and it makes good sense to take advantage of this desire on his part to please us.

11. We can understand your feeling that AEWIRGIL 115 is the most likely candidate for future termination. If he and his drinking exert a bad influence on AEWIRGIL 6, this might be reason enough. Another factor is that he has not done very much in the way of recruiting the kind of "ops chiefs" we had in mind to direct the contact operations in various countries. He himself is not an operator in the sense of being able to meet visiting Soviets. He hates to write reports, and his reports reflect this. In addition, the very strength of the present AEWIRGIL cadre militates against a large effort to establish and direct from Munich new branches of the organization from which it is hoped that contact operations of the propaganda distribution and conversation type will spring. Past experience has shown that a complicated branch such as that in Belgium takes an inordinate amount of time and effort on the part of the overworked Munich staff and gives little in return that could not have been accomplished by a small group of emigres willing to engage in propaganda contact operations. In fact, we would prefer to let the initiation of local contact groups be under the control and direction of a local case officer and the man on the spot whom he selects for the job. In such a case, the role of AEWIRGIL 115 would be limited to support in terms of literature and contact operation know-how. On the other hand, we can foresee the possibility that CLELAND will decide that a man of AEWIRGIL 115's talent can be utilized for other special tasks. Should this be the case, and should the question of his bad influence on AEWIRGIL 6 be settled, we will certainly not object should the decision be made to keep him.

12. We share your feeling that what AEWIRGIL 109 says about the others it be taken with no small grain of salt. Aside from being somewhat of an unreconstructed Nazi in mental outlook, he always tends to depreciate things which is done by the emigres with whom he works. On the other hand, not being "in and of the group" provides a better insight into any special hanky-panky which might take place than if he were one of the group. The monthly sessions which we used to spend with him going over each auditure provided us with a good bit of information, not all of it useful. It is inconceivable that AEWIRGIL 109 did not know what the keeping categories "Representationskosten" and "Veranstaltungen" mean.

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The former was always used for operational entertainment and the latter to cover the expenditures for the various propaganda functions, such as press conferences and the meeting to commemorate the anniversary of the Hungarian revolution, which AEVIRGIL 1 promoted from time to time. AEVIRGIL 109's revelations about Mrs. Pirang and AEVIRGIL 10 came as no surprise, but here again he does not know the full story. While the former was and is a hardship case, it is very difficult to get part-time secretarial help for Russian-language typing. AEVIRGIL 10 is a different kind of a case. It is probably true that he does very little at the present time, but it is also true that he is dying and that AEVIRGIL 1 can not simply dismiss an original member under such circumstances. The per diem for AEVIRGIL 10 has been a matter of record from the time they were sent to Madrid. We could not ask them to give up their apartment in Munich. He could have been, and almost was several times, bounced from the job in Madrid as the political infighting went back and forth. Even today, he remains there at the whim of the current leadership in his section of ROM. Most important, he has done a fine job under extremely difficult circumstances. Mainly through his own ability and skill, his reputation at the radio has never been better; and we could ill afford to lose him.

13. Headquarters is in agreement with the steps you have taken to stabilize the operating expenses of AEVIRGIL 1 at a level commensurate with the FY 1963 budget. After [] has the opportunity to review the current situation of the project and its personnel, we will welcome the opportunity to discuss the future in more concrete terms with him during his forthcoming TTY and home leave.

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